

Please insert the following section after the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section and before the "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" section:

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The U.S. Government has a paid-up license in this invention and the right in limited circumstances to require the patent owner to license others on reasonable terms as provided for by the terms of Contract NCC-617 awarded by NASA.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is filed to explicitly incorporate the contents of the provisional application on which this application relies for benefit.

This preliminary amendment is also filed to add a new section containing the required Statement regarding federally sponsored research or development to the specification.

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Version of Specification Paragraph Showing Changes

First full paragraph of the application, in the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/263,257 filed January 22, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.